

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Replace the Abstract with the following:

A process for producing a whetstone, wherein a whetstone pellet 1 is composed of at least
one columnar base body 2 ~~to be~~ fixed on a pedestal 9, and an abrasive grain part, 5 formed on an
end surface of the base body, containing numerous abrasive grains formed by electroless plating
~~on an end surface 3 of the base body 2. Upon forming the~~ The abrasive grain part 5, is a plated
layer ~~is~~ formed on the end surface 3 of the base body 2 ~~under~~ by stirring a plating solution
containing abrasive grains, ~~whereby~~ such that the distribution of the abrasive grains in the
abrasive grain part 5 ~~can be uniformized~~ is uniformly distributed.

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the Title with the following:

-- ~~WHETSTONE PELLET, WHETSTONE,~~ PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING A
WHETSTONE AND WHETSTONE PELLETS WITH UNIFORM ABRASION LAYERS
~~THEM, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICAL ELEMENT USING WHETSTONE, AND~~
~~PROCESS FOR PRODUCING EXPOSURE APPARATUS --.~~